



# Surpassing Expectations

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## Meet Our New Members

We are pleased to welcome our newest members, who have joined since February. They have volunteered to perform 29 projects to improve the environment in Kentucky. KY EXCEL has passed a membership milestone, 150 members! The department is pleased to have so many individuals, organizations and companies committed to protecting Kentucky's environment. Thanks to everyone for a remarkable commitment to Kentucky's environment.

**5H Technologies (Advocate member)** – 5H Technologies, an environmental and safety services company, will perform a lead-based paint assessment. This assessment will be conducted free of charge for the renovation of the Hotel Metropolitan in Paducah.

**London Downtown Main Street Program (Advocate member)** – The London Downtown Main Street Program will try to organize community groups, individuals and organizations to work as a unified body to promote environmental awareness and recycling efforts in London and Laurel County.

**WDKY FOX 56 Television (Advocate member)** – WDKY FOX 56 Television will air stories relating to the environment. The topics will include environmental issues that can be influenced by citizen behavior and success stories, such as the success the state has had cleaning up illegal dumps.

**Lisa Butler (Advocate member)** – Lisa Butler's project will be to collect and recycle glass at her office. When her collection box is full, she will transport the glass to an approved recycling center.

**Russell Area Technology Center (Advocate member)** – The Russell Area Technology Center will build an environmentally safe and energy-efficient building that will have solar modules. Students will use the house as a learning project and will provide tours to faculty and community members.

**St. Agnes Parish (Advocate member)** – St. Agnes Parish will be hosting a parish carnival where the parish members will set up containers for aluminum cans and PET bottles so these materials can be recycled.

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Kentucky Division of Compliance Assistance at 800-926-8111.*

**The Kentucky NEED Project (Advocate member)** – The Kentucky NEED Project will plan and facilitate a series of workshops across the commonwealth that will provide training and materials for teachers and students to learn about energy and the importance of being wise energy decision makers.

**WKYT-TV (Advocate member)** – WKYT-TV will air stories relating to the environment. The station will also develop a Project Green Web site that will include ideas for the home, at work, on the road and for kids.

**Mossy Ridge Farm (Advocate member)** – Mossy Ridge Farm will mulch natural hiking trails to reduce the amount of erosion. Brush piles will also be created from downed trees to provide habitat for small animals and birds.

**Marvel Golf Club (Advocate member)** – Marvel Golf Club has modified and will continue to modify its golf course equipment to run on waste vegetable oil from local restaurants rather than use traditional off-road diesel fuel.

**Murakami Manufacturing USA (Partner member)** – Murakami Manufacturing USA hosted an Earth Day celebration for its employees. Trees and shrubs were planted and presentations were given detailing ways to influence actions at home and work.

**Delta Air Lines Inc. SDF Station (Partner member)** – Delta Air Lines Inc. SDF Station will purchase recycling containers to be set up in the terminal. Aluminum cans, plastic and newspaper will be collected.

**Emerson Power Transmission Corporation (Partner member)** – Emerson Power Transmission Corp. will host a health fair for its employees, work toward reducing the amount of natural gas it uses and change out its existing lighting with fluorescent lighting to save energy.

**General Motors Bowling Green Assembly (Leader member)** – General Motors Bowling Green Assembly has committed to try to reduce its water consumption by 1 percent per vehicle, to reduce natural gas and electricity consumption by 1 percent per vehicle produced and to reduce nonrecycled waste by 3 percent per vehicle produced.

**IT Springwire (Leader member)** – IT Springwire has committed to replacing its current lighting with T8 energy-efficient bulbs. The second project is to recycle shot peen dust/sand, which had been treated as a nonhazardous waste. Finally, IT Springwire will recycle its waste oil.

**Kentucky Utilities Co. – Tyrone Generating Station (TGS) (Master member)** – Kentucky Utilities Co. – Tyrone Generating Station (TGS) has begun printing carbon footprint information on residential and small commercial bills to help its customers see their impact on the environment; provided coal combustion products to Falling Springs Recreation Center to fill an unusable low-lying area; will donate company equipment for use at the Salato Wildlife Education Center to help recycle a building; and commit up to \$10,000 a year to a wildlife sanctuary on its property.

**Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Paddys Run Generating Station (PRGS) (Master member)** – Louisville Gas & Electric Co. – Paddys Run Generating Station (PRGS) has begun printing carbon footprint information on residential and small commercial bills to help these customers see their environmental impact; contribute money towards the development of the near-zero-emissions coal-fired power plant; provide the opportunity for its customers to pay for the development and use of renewable energy; and support Project Warm, which offers conservation solutions during cold weather, and Warm Blitz, which weatherizes homes of qualifying individuals.

## **KY EXCEL News**

### **Second Quarter Reporting**

Annual reports for KY EXCEL members who joined the program between April and June will be due July 31, 2008. If you joined the program during these months, you will be receiving an e-mail from us near the end of June, with the report forms and a short description of the projects that we have on file for you. We appreciate your help documenting the success of the KY EXCEL program and look forward to receiving more outstanding results from our members.

### **Environmental Cabinet Reorganized**

Governor Steven L. Beshear recently signed executive orders creating the Energy and Environment Cabinet, the Labor Cabinet and the Public Protection Cabinet from the Environmental and Public Protection Cabinet. The Energy and Environment Cabinet consists of the Department for Natural Resources, the Department for Environmental Protection and a new Department for Energy Development and Independence. Energy and Environment Cabinet Secretary Leonard K. Peters said, "This reorganization will allow the Energy and Environment Cabinet to focus on a mission of improving the quality of life for all Kentuckians by simultaneously innovating and creating efficient, sustainable energy solutions and strategies; protecting the environment; and creating a base for strong economic growth." KY EXCEL looks forward to operating in this new cabinet structure and continuing to serve Kentucky's citizens.

## **News & Upcoming Events**

### **SNIPS**

The Division of Compliance Assistance is now making environmental tips available weekly via e-mail and from our Web site through a newsletter called **SNIPS**. To see the latest version, visit <http://www.dca.ky.gov/complianceassistance/references/SNIPS+Newsletters.htm>. To receive the information weekly via e-mail, send an e-mail to [envhelp@ky.gov](mailto:envhelp@ky.gov) requesting to receive SNIPS and you will be added to the contact list.

### **Workshop for the Aluminum Industry**

"Environmental Challenges and Opportunities for Kentucky's Aluminum Industry" a workshop hosted by the University of Kentucky's Center for Aluminum Technology will be held July 22-23 at the Marriott Griffin Gate Resort in Lexington. For more information, visit <http://www.dca.ky.gov/NR/rdonlyres/06644D96-A12A-41D9-BD8A-17D01B2C9B9B/0/AluminumWorkshopInvitationandAgenda.pdf>

### **Brownfield Grant Writing Workshops**

These free workshops will be hosted across the state beginning Aug. 18. Visit the Web site [www.dca.ky.gov](http://www.dca.ky.gov) to see the dates and locations. If you are interested in more information about grant writing sessions or the services offered by the Brownfield Program, contact [Amanda.Lefevre@ky.gov](mailto:Amanda.Lefevre@ky.gov)

## **Governor's Conference on the Environment**

This year KY EXCEL will team up with the **Governor's Conference on the Environment** on Oct. 6–7, at the Lexington Hyatt Regency. Please make plans to attend the members meeting and the governor's conference.

## **GREENING Western Kentucky Expo**

The **Second Annual GREENing Western Kentucky Expo** is July 19 from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on the campus of Brescia University in Owensboro. For more information, visit [www.greeningwesternkentucky.org](http://www.greeningwesternkentucky.org) or call Sister Amelia Stenger at 270-229-0200, ext. 401.

## **Lean Manufacturing Workshop**

KY EXCEL master-member American Commercial Lines will be hosting a lean manufacturing workshop on July 17, 2008, from 8 a.m.–noon EST. The workshop is designed for facilities that are certified to the ISO 9001 Quality Management System Standard and/or have implemented lean manufacturing or other quality and production efficiency systems, but do not have an environmental management system in place.

The purpose of this half-day workshop is to increase the value of the lean and/or quality programs at participating manufacturers by incorporating environmental and energy-efficiency elements to reduce overall cost and liability associated with manufacturing, to help reduce their "carbon footprint" and to enhance the facility's contribution to its community's sustainability.

For more information about the workshop and to register, contact Gail A. Mills at 765-463-4749 or by e-mail [gail.a.mills.1@purdue.edu](mailto:gail.a.mills.1@purdue.edu).

## **Energy Star Small Business and Congregation Awards**

Applications are now available for the 2008 ENERGY STAR Small Business and Congregations Awards. The annual ENERGY STAR awards program offers a way for organizations to receive recognition for their energy cost-cutting efforts.

An award application is available online. It can be downloaded and submitted via mail, fax or e-mail. If you have questions and/or need technical support, help is available, along with contact information, which is found on the application. The application deadline is June 30, 2008.

The awards program is open to any small business, congregation or nonprofit, which has effectively reduced energy costs by upgrading facilities, using free ENERGY STAR tools and resources, or implemented other ENERGY STAR recommendations. The activities can include upgrades or energy management improvements during the last two years. The application can be found on the Web site at [http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/small\\_business/sb\\_success/2008\\_Application.doc](http://www.energystar.gov/ia/business/small_business/sb_success/2008_Application.doc)

For more information, contact Jerry Lawson, the national manager of ENERGY STAR Small Business and Congregations Network at 202-343-9314.